Sl. No.	State/UT	Period from Jan., 05 to June, 05	Period from July, 05 to Dec.,05
10	Chandigarh	No. of case registered-1	*
11	Pondicherry	No. of raids- 2673 No. of persons arrested-18 No. of persons prosecuted-18 No. of persons convicted-Under investigation	*

*No information has been received from these States/UTs.

Price rise due to commodity future trading

†458. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commodity future trading has added to the quantum jump in the prices of foodgrains during preceding months;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into it; and

(d) if so, the agency involved in the inquiry and the report thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The reasons for rise in prices of foodgrains are mainly shortfall in domestic supplies relating to demand and hardening of international prices, of certain foodgrain items.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.